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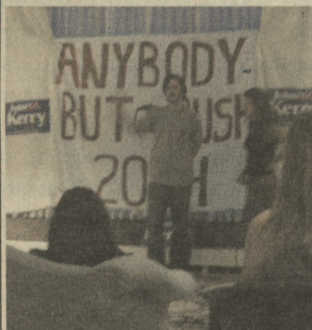
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SU ranks in top 10% of its peers

By: Laura D'Alessandro

Layout Editor

Salisbury University was again ranked among the top ten universities in the North East by three magazines for the 2004-2005 academic years. US News & World Report, Princeton Review's Best 357 Colleges and the 2005 Newsweek - Kaplan College Guide all ranked SU in the top 10% of its kind among the United States' North East Universities.

This is the eighth year in a row for SU to receive ranking among other universities of its kind - known as peer universities. Provost David Buchanan said the ranking has fluctuated a small amount over the years.

"The positions are so close as much as a 100th of a point might do it," he said.

This continuous prestige awarded to the university is the result of its continuous ability to improve its recognition, according to Buchanan. Lists compiled for the mentioned magazines are made from surveys taken of universities in a region. In SU's region, presidents and provosts of universities rank their competitors on a scale of one to five.

"Your reputation comes from your ranking," Buchanan said. "If you up awareness you boost your reputation."

Therefore, these rankings are a result of those who are in the business of looking at the attributes of universities giving Salisbury University recognition.

"They are recognizing that we meet high standards and have done so for a significant amount of time," Buchanan said. "It is getting tougher, other schools are moving up so we have to keep running faster."

Buchanan said some key factors in a University's reputation are its academic credentials, class size,

credentials of the faculty, state funding, percent of alumni who donate and number of faculty with PhD's. This combined with reputation leads to rankings. As far as these factors go, Buchanan said SU comes up at the top except for in the area of state funding.

With SU's name being published under high rankings, Buchanan sus-

pects it could bring more people to the school, perhaps people who wouldn't normally think of the school like out of state students.

Buchanan also suspects the rankings help current students as they go to apply for jobs or to graduate schools.

"The quality of a school a student comes from has an effect," he said.

Students admired original work at SU's Faculty Art Show Thursday



Photo by Constance Mensh

Senior Kenneth Brown explored a piece entitled "Eye on the Prize" by artists and instructors Rick and Nikki Schneider at the 2004 Faculty art show opening Thursday night in the Fulton Hall Gallery.

Student charged with theft at University Bookstore

By: Laura D'Alessandro

Layout Editor

University employees and Police officers apprehended a student attempting to steal from the University Bookstore Tuesday. Campus police officials said 20 year-old second year student Ramel Rawley was attempting to steal when bookstore employees noticed and became suspicious.

A campus officer walked into the bookstore at the same time employees were about to phone for authorities, according to campus Police Chief Jim Phillips. The officer present attempted to identify the suspect and Rawley fled from the store.

The officer attempted to subdue Rawley but required the help of one bookstore employee and two dining services employees to hold the student down. An additional officer was called in for help also.

"I don't know what the outcome would have been without the help of the employees who stepped in," Phillips said. "He (Rawley) really wanted to get away."

In the struggle one employee was injured and had to be taken to the hospital and one of the officer's property was damaged.

The student was caught with six books totaling a value of over \$100. He was charged with two counts of assault and battery, one count of theft, one count of disturbing the peace, one count of disturbing university activity, one count of malicious destruction of property and one count of resisting arrest.

The student was taken to the Wicomico County Detention Center where he was held on \$15000 bond and administrative action at the University is pending, according to Phillips.

Bookstore manager Lisa Gray said Friday the crime is still under investigation and refused to comment.

SU Gets Ready To Party on the Plaza

By: Charles Bloom

Staff Writer

"Party on the Plaza is going to be a blast!" said Brian Milsted, SGA Vice President of Student Affairs and one of the principle coordinators of the event. Taking place on the plaza in downtown Salisbury on Sept. 10, between 4 and 7 p.m., the Party will feature a variety of entertainment and live music.

This second annual party is expected to be significantly larger than it was last year due to a number of factors including more popular bands, an increased emphasis on community involvement and a bit of word of mouth advertising. "Party on the Plaza is growing in popularity. Students who enjoyed the event last year will tell more people," said Student Affairs Graduate Assistant Rohry Flood, who is helping to prepare downtown Salisbury for students again. On call will be a caricature artist and "virgin" frozen beverages provided by the Margarita Man of Delaware. Food vendors such as Flannery's will be open for business and a beer garden will be available for thirsty students who are of age. An assortment of student organizations will be set up along the concourse to provide information about their clubs along with games and prizes.

Viv, a San Francisco group with a growing reputation, will provide music. Also performing will be Hot Rod Circuit, a nationally touring band that recently performed with the popular Dashboard Confessional. Rounding out the evening will be Schroeder's Songbook, a band from College Park who sent in a demo, which the

Welcome Week staff approved.

"I don't know if downtown has any big surprises planned for us," Flood said, indicating the possibility that other entertainment may be in the works also.

Perhaps one of the most significant participants in the event will be the merchants and vendors of downtown Salisbury. The Party will be cosponsored by Urban Salisbury, a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of reversing the gentrification of the downtown district. Part of their plan involves bringing important student dollars to the area, a project which became questionable after issues surrounding last year's "4-2" housing legislation soured relations between students and the community.

Town-Gown initiatives, along with an increasing appreciation by both the community and the University of their interdependence, have ended the wary animosity. One of the ostensible functions of the Party on the Plaza, as well as numerous other events planned this year, is to encourage mingling between students and local residents. Community members are being cordially welcomed and are encouraged to attend. "I've invited members of the community in the hopes of everyone having a good time together," said Milsted, who added that though Party on the Plaza is part of freshman Welcome Week it's "an event for everyone."

Flood is looking forward to the continued success of Party on the Plaza, and is hoping that students appreciate its significance. "I would like for students to get to know their neighbors and for this to be a positive event," Flood said.

NEWS

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Welcome Back SU Students!

By: Katie Adams

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach warmly welcomed back faculty, staff and students in the first Forum of the academic year. The forum stressed the importance of a shared governance, which consists of the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate and members of the SGA. "It is pertinent that faculty, staff and students come together and discuss issues," said Dudley-Eshbach.

One hot issue at the forum was SU's current financial status. Greig Mitchell, Vice President of Administration and Finance, announced the budget for the fiscal year and plans for the new Teacher Education and Technology Complex. The overall budget for the year is \$95.3 million, and is expected to exceed \$100 million in total revenue. Out of this, SU students pay approximately 38 percent in tuition costs, which may seem high, but is not when compared to other state schools. "Increase in tuition is happening nationwide," said faculty members. "We are running on empty for financial aid," added Dudley-Eshbach.

The new Teacher Education and Technology Complex would be located on the on corner of Route 13 and College Avenue. It would be home to many new "Smart Classrooms" and updated electronic equipment. "I think this new building would give more students a better education by allowing them access to newer technology," said Kyle Mitchell, a member of the SGA. Construction will begin in the summer

of 2005, or fall of 2006, said Greig Mitchell.

The forum also discussed Welcome Week events and upcoming activities to get students pepped-up for the school year. Overall SU students found moving in and Welcome Week effective. There is 100 percent occupancy in the dorms and a very large freshman class this year, said Esbach. This semester, Salisbury as a whole has fewer minorities than last year, which concerned SU faculty and staff. However, 20 new students from different countries are now enrolled in Salisbury University. "I was surprised to come back and see Welcome SU Student signs everywhere, but I thought it was a nice touch," said Senior Sarah

Heddings. More events, such as Fun Day and Party on the Plaza are coming up for SU students and the community. For more information about SU Fun Day and other events, contact Tyler Patton of the Student and University Advancement or log on to www.salisbury.edu.

"As far as the attendance, it was very good, and we got to hear about everything that has been going on in the three governances," said Melissa Thomas of the Faculty Senate. Overall the faculty, staff and students said the meeting went well and are all looking forward to the new academic year.

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PACE Presidential Citizen Scholars Program

You are invited to participate in PACE's new program, the Presidential Citizen Scholars Program. This program, sponsored by the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), offers you the unique opportunity for hands-on involvement with the political life of the community. This multifaceted, year long program will offer students opportunities to become engaged in the political life of the community and to develop habits of citizenship. It will prepare you to become better leaders in your future communities and serve as a nice resume builder.

The requirements are reasonable and doable in a year and

the experience will be both exciting and rewarding. If you decide to participate in this program you will be invited to attend a reception President Janet Dudley-Eshbach is hosting for the Presidential Citizen Scholars in the fall. At the end of the year you will be recognized at our annual Honors Convocation and will receive a signed Presidential certificate.

If you are interested in participating in this program or have any questions, please come to one of our orientation sessions (Tuesday, Sept. 7th at 5:30 pm or 6:30 pm at PACE House). Or you can call or email PACE at pace@salisbury.edu, call us at 410-677-5045 or visit our web site at www.salisbury.edu/community/pace.

Out of the Suggestion Box

This column is based on the comments and concerns offered by students, faculty, and staff via the ten suggestion boxes erected around campus last year. Often these suggestions are written anonymously. The President's Office staff solicits responses to the problems raised from appropriate personnel. Not everything can be

changed, but, when not, a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

A victim of wallet misplacement asks:

I would like to suggest a lost and found box for the Holloway Hall auditorium. My wallet was lost and not found. If there were a box located in Holloway Hall perhaps people would be more likely to return items dropped during shows.

MIEA Study Abroad Grant

The Maryland International Education Association is accepting applications for winter or spring 2005 study abroad grants. Applicants must be US citizens and permanent residents of Maryland. Additionally, students must have completed at least 12 credits towards their major, have a 3.2 cumulative GPA or higher, and must be planning to study abroad in a credit-bearing program. Applications are available from the International Student Services Office, Room 242E (GUC) and the International Education Office, Room 256 (GUC) or online at http://www.new.towson.edu/miea/docs/app_scholarship.pdf. The deadline for applications is October 1, 2004.

Jim Phillips, Chief, University Police, responds:

The Lost and Found policy, which is found on page 30 of the Student Handbook and Directory, is reprinted below:

Lost and Found-If you lose an item on campus; file a lost item card with University Police. Many items such as keys, clothing, eyeglasses, wallets, checkbooks, book bags and other personal property are regularly turned in to

Study Abroad Fair

Thinking about study abroad? If so, don't miss Salisbury University's Study Abroad Fair on Monday, September 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Red Square. Representatives from well-known study abroad programs such as AIFS, AIU, API, Arcadia, Australearn, Butler, ISA, SIT, Towson and Frostburg Universities will be in attendance with information and advice on their programs. Additionally, information on SU study abroad programs in Ecuador, Germany, Honduras, Ireland, New Zealand and Spain will be available from faculty and staff. In the event of rain, the fair will be held in the Wicomico Room of the GUC.

the University Police. If a lost item card is matched with a found item, the owner will be contacted.

Wallets would not typically be an item that one would want dropped in a lost and found box. Lost wallets not turned in to a responsible person usually turns into a theft of cash, credit cards, etc. Found items are most often turned over to someone in an office and then turned over to University Police if the item is not recovered in a few days.



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(Above) Alise Pierce, 10 months, watches while her mother, SU junior Andrea Pierce unpacks and straightens her dorm room.

(Below) SU freshman and upperclassmen cut their summers short last week to return to school, moving their belongings into dormrooms in St. Martin's Hall.



(Below) Bush supporters demonstrate on the corner of W. College and Route 13 on Aug. 29.



(Left) Students and visitors browse through a book of large-scale sculptures by Jim Hill, the Art Department Chair at the 2004 Faculty art show opening last Thursday night in the Fulton Hall Gallery. All photos by Constance Mensh.

All photos by Constance Mensh

Curing my apathy

By: Owen Jarvis

Staff Writer

I used to be infinitely jaded with politics. This was back when, in my early teens, I was quite certain that I had been born several decades too late. Hearing first-hand accounts of the civically turbulent and generationally defining 1960's and early 1970's, I was convinced that a man of my interests was intended to have come of age during that time. Far from fighting to secure equal rights, end a meaningless war and help heal a fractious, wounded nation, I spent the Clinton-era 1990's lamenting America's "golden age." I was bored with a bustling economy, I was uninspired by political cooperation and I was tired of homeostasis; the abstract and glorified unrest of the good old days beckoned. As a naive, spoiled,

apathetic middle class American adolescent, I wanted our generation to be embroiled in pervasive, tangible chaos.

And now, it is.

There was an unimaginable terrorist attack against us, and the threat of another is now embedded in the American psyche. We went to war twice since, and the quagmire of the Iraq war continues. Our economy tumbled and stumbled and is now precariously perched on the cusp of an uncertain future. There is talk of a "cultural warfare" between those who wish to broaden the traditional definition of marriage and those who wish to keep it narrow through a constitutional amendment. The environment, public education and the health care system are all at divisive forks-

in the road of policy. Books and films on both sides of the political spectrum are routinely best sellers, lampooning the other side for perceived inconsistencies and inequities. The electorate in this election year is as static and polarized as any in recent times, reflecting the deep ideological and interpretive chasm between America's right and left.

Meanwhile, our two presidential candidates are treating this chasm as expected; they are trying to straddle it. While on one hand this is a laudable attempt at unification, on the other it is an uninspiring exercise in homogeneity. Taken out of context and without knowledge of the candidate, the acceptance speech that each gave at their conventions would be entirely agreeable to al-

most everyone. It can be jading watching them pander to as many swing voters and swing states as possible, coloring facts and spewing rhetoric like dragons spewing fire. Their superficial gossip-columnist bickering represents politics as usual though, where the powerful muckrake, take no sides on most policy issues and generalize the specific problems of the day to get more power.

At the heart of it though, each candidate, and for that matter every mature, active American citizen, really wants what is best for us all. There are just different beliefs about how to improve our condition. In this light, the immaturity I mentioned having once possessed now seems staggering. There is al-

ways turmoil and chaos around, always something to fight for and believe in, always something to protest or be protested for, always something to scream and shout for and always something to vote for. Apathy at its core is not a longing for chaos or excitement or change, it is catatonic civic withdrawal and hence powerlessness resulting from that longing. These past few years have given me a gut check, suggesting that ignoring or failing to notice the bad serves to bring about the worse and stressing the boundlessly subjective, repercussive and nuanced nature of politics. I have in effect been cured of my apathy.

And yeah, I'm an activist now.

Liberalism on college campuses

By: Shane Jacobus

Freelance writer

After nearly four years of college, I find myself feeling conflicted about the "education" being implemented by the faculty here at Salisbury University. It is obvious that certain professors, especially those in the English Department, are using their position to indoctrinate rather than educate students so that liberalism will become the norm in the United States.

Several conservative columnists have written extensively about this problem, which revealed itself at SU when I wrote an article in the Flyer opposing gay marriage. I admit my argument was flawed, but my primary motive for writing this article was to get some kind of reaction that might expose those who would use our academic institutions to promote their liberal agenda. Sure enough, an English professor who shall remain nameless felt compelled to write a rebuttal and brandish her Ph.D to stifle any further opposition from students regarding this issue.

Naturally, I was taken aback by her comments but Eric Colvin, former president of the College Republicans, bravely spoke out against this discouragement. As Colvin correctly pointed out, students almost always repress their conservative beliefs because the faculty is often dominated by rabid liberals who have zero tolerance for the opposition. It almost seems folly to take up a conservative position when writing papers

if a student wants to get a passing grade, especially in the English Department.

Sadly, the word *education* has been greatly misconstrued as enforcing a liberal outlook on life, and any student who steps out of line ideologically, as Thomas Sowell puts it, is subjectively labeled as ignorant or unenlightened.

When Eric Colvin talked about encouraging more intellectual diversity at Salisbury, many students, who were just as snooty as the aforementioned professor, scoffed at him because he was a Republican. They rehearsed all that guff about how the Republican Party discriminates against women and minorities.

As a former liberal but faithful Democratic voter, I realize this sort of flimflam has got to stop because not all women and minority voters see it that way. Playing the gender and various minority cards has not served the Democratic Party in the subsequent ten years since the Republicans won control of the House of Representatives after a forty-year hiatus. Unless the Democratic Party changes its tone and adopts a better message soon, I predict we will still be the minority party in the House for thirty or more years, but that is no excuse for college professors to indoctrinate their students.

College professors are entitled to voice their opinions too, but students who might disagree tend to keep their mouths shut whenever they do. Students should not have to "spend four years prostrate to the

higher mind," as the Indigo Girls put it. The faculty may be wiser in terms of age and experience, but they're not always right.

Unfortunately, students with conservative views are being discouraged from speaking their mind because of the overwhelming liberalism enacted on college campuses. For instance, a student could still be accused of advocating "hate" or "violence" if he or she dared to say that acting on one's homosexuality is a sin, even if same-sex attractions are a biological trait.

"Such speech codes," writes Thomas Sowell, "are nothing more and nothing less than thought control by those who want no competition against the indoctrination that they are promoting under the guise of education."

Being well-educated does not mean having a liberal outlook on life. Education is about instilling knowledge, not ideology. Liberals are correct when they say it is important to keep an open mind, but they are mistaken when applying this sentiment entirely to themselves and not the opposition.

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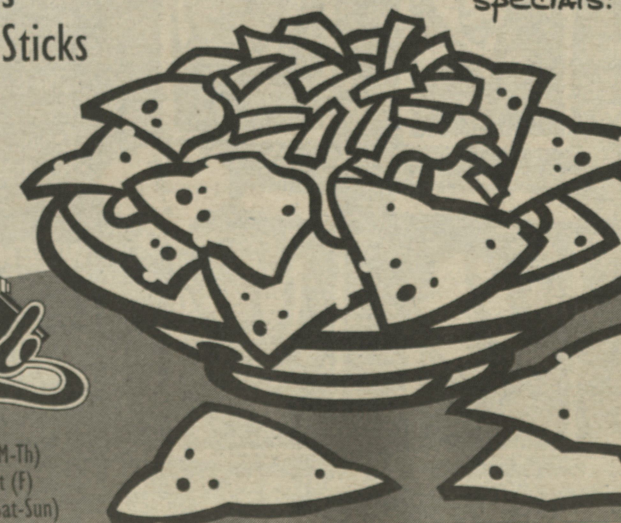
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A Question and Answer Session with SU's new Registrar: Jaqueline Moran Maisel

By Laura D'Alessandro
Layout Editor

What brought you to a job at SU? It was a happy coincidence of things. Of course it was for advancement. I've been an associate registrar for several years so it was a chance to move up. And my parents live in lower Delaware so I can now be closer to them. I really like working with traditional age students and I wanted to get back to that environment. SU fits that. I've been here since June and it's been wonderful, even better now that the students are back.

What is a typical day like for you?

Summer has been freshmen orientation or transfer credit students, graduation clearances and curriculum review. I just finished learning the People Soft system. It really gives students so much more control and access.

Is there a certain part of the week or month that is more hectic than the rest?

Each day has its own personality. That's the exciting part about working with students; each day is different. Each day could be hectic if you let it but time management is a skill you've got to have.

How did you progress from counselor to registrar?

I worked as a counselor center associate and moved in to academic advising and from there moved to working with staff that worked in the registrar office. My favorite thing is still to get out and talk to students.

How do you like the students here?

It's been great so far. It's different from the last school because there students were adult students and a lot of our contact was electronic. This is that opportunity to make that personal contact with the students.

When you were in school did you always have your sights set on this field?

It was a gradual career change for me. My undergraduate studies focused on the sciences, but I worked with students who were training in my area in a hospital lab. That's when I first got the idea that I wanted to work with students.

What do you like about this job?

I guess having been a student myself and sometimes feeling about loose ends or you didn't know what the next step was; I like to remember what it was like and try to make it as easy for students as possible. I think the self-service is a good way to do that also.

In Loving Memory

Dr. Alfred K. Talbot Jr.

Dr. Charles Cipolla, Chair, Sociology/CADR

A.K. Talbot was a dedicated teacher who instilled in his student and faculty colleagues a sense of reverence and respect for democratic values and social justice. He lived what he taught!

Becki Lee, senior English major

Dr. Talbot was an extremely informed and knowledgeable individual, particularly in the field of sociology. He imparted his classroom with a sense of justice. Dr. Talbot was a great teacher, and he will be missed.

Dr. Talbot came to Salisbury State Teacher's College in 1971, joining the sociology department as the first African-American professor at the university. Dr. Talbot taught here for more than 30 years, although previously he also taught elementary school, high school English and social studies, and served as a principal in Virginia.

Dr. Talbot earned a bachelor's degree at the Hampton Institute in 1940, and a master's degree there in 1949. He earned his doctorate in sociology/higher education from the College of William and Mary in 1981.

Sarah Hund, senior Gender Studies major

Dr. McCallops was a brilliant professor. He brought life to women throughout history that had been forgotten. He was kind and generous and was always willing to help. He had a great sense of humor in the classroom and outside the classroom as well. It makes me sad to think that I only got to know Dr. McCallops for such a short time, but it is comforting to know that he helped a lot of people and was truly a wonderful person to know.

Dr. Elizabeth Curtin, Chair, English Department

Jim was committed to the entire University community as

well as to his discipline. "He never stopped striving to make us live up to what we claimed we wanted to be."

Dr. Maarten Pereboom, Chair, History Department

Jim was a great friend, a dedicated teacher, and a reliable colleague. "He was passionately committed to creating a campus environment in which all students feel welcome."

Dr. Clara Small, Professor of History

Jim was a compassionate person who was concerned with the rights of all people, even when they tended not to respect the basic rights of others. "Civility was one of his

buzz words."

Dr. Tim Miller, Professor of History

Jim always wanted to teach, no matter how he felt physically, because he loved it so much.

Mia Vye, History Department Administrative Assistant

Dr. McCallops always had a few minutes to sit down and chat about anything and everything, whatever was most important. "I will miss him, his wonderful sense of humor, his upbeat view of life, and his caring attitude about the world, especially about the rights of animals."

FEATURES

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Features section promises to self-advertise its sizzling gusto

By: John Heath

Features Editor

Another school year commences and students, invariably already ripped off by certain textbook retailers, return to SU donning aspirations of inebriation, stellar marks or perhaps, both. In the face of heavy course loads or hard hangovers, students can trust this year's features section to bring amusement, interesting perspectives and important college tips to all students.

Is this nothing more than a shameless plug for this self-proclaimed scintillating section of the paper? Undoubtedly, yes.

The features' docket this year consists of student interest stories including faculty/student interviews and spotlights, unfathomable fiction, local restaurant reviews, day-in-the-life articles and a wild array of whatever words one can think of to fill spaces and bring smirks

to faces.

The weekly section, the features section's cantankerous and bratty younger sibling, delivers quasi-satirical salutes to honored campus heroes as well as keeping an ear out for insightful or downright awful words via the overheard section.

By no means should students ignore the other sections of the paper, as they are not without their merits. But when this editor has the opportunity to self-advertise, he will most certainly not pass it up.

Students are encouraged to make use of their free time, pick up a spare paper and flip through to whatever interests them. While this section strives to be an interesting read at the very least, every page of the Flyer holds valuable tidbits for every reader. It is, after all the student voice.

Welcome back students. Enjoy your semester and make yourselves heard.

Tips for students with bigger stomachs than wallets

By: Abby Smith

Staff Writer

"Cheap" is probably the only adjective that's more synonymous with college students than "drunk". By the time we get done paying for tuition, books, school supplies and, of course, beer, there's not much money left in our budgets for food.

We end up having to scrape up a colossal 15 cents to buy a pack of Ramen from Wal-Mart...but then we realize that we also have to somehow pay for the gas to get there. This, of course, reminds us of all the money we don't have for our payments on the 1992 Ford Tempo sitting in the parking lot.

When things get really bad, some of us aren't above resorting to stealing packs of condiments and Saltine crackers from the satellite dining carts and making some sort of unsavory, nutritionally-defunct sandwich. What's a poor, starving student to do?

Thankfully, being in a college town, there are vendors that are sensi-

tive to our plight. Save up your change; just don't stick around to see the waiter's reaction when he sees that your entire bill was paid in dimes and nickels.

Here are some of the best places to go when your stomach is bigger than your wallet:

1. *IHOP* is known for having extensive breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus all day. Big portions, big variety, little cash. A college student's dream come true. Have some fries with your French toast and milkshake. Or maybe an omelet and a cheeseburger.

2. *Sub Runner's* specializes in subs and sandwiches made to order. For those who lack the ambition to make the trip to their restaurant on North Salisbury Blvd, Subrunner's will deliver their famous cheese steaks, hearty subs and juicy burgers to campus.

3. *La Plaza Tapatia*, located across from campus on Route 13, is the place to go for affordable, delectable Mexican cuisine. The cheese and chicken quesadillas are one of the more popular dishes, and

it's almost compulsory to order the flan afterward. Who knows, you might get extra credit from your Spanish 101 professor if you order en Espanol.

4. Open 24 hours a day, *The Lighthouse* is perfect for a break in the all-night studying, or for satisfying post-party munchies. Featuring home-style breakfast, dinner, and dessert all the time, it's an ideal place to get together for a meal that's better than homemade.

5. *Fratelli's Restaurant* - Within walking distance behind campus, on North Salisbury Blvd, Fratelli's offers a wide variety of Italian dishes and great desserts. With most meals averaging between \$7.00 and \$8.00, Fratelli's is a tad pricier than the others, but definitely worth it.

6. Serving Szechuan, Hunan, and Cantonese Style cuisine, *New China* features a huge menu of vegetable, beef, pork, chicken and seafood dishes. You get excellent portions for the prices, and there is no delivery charge. Order the lunch specials for an even better deal.

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SU Campus Heroes Vol. 2 Part 1: Ms. First-Year Social Perfectionist

By: John Heath

Features Editor

Today we salute you, Ms. First-Year Social Perfectionist. With the summer almost a memory and the first week of school complete, you are well on your way to becoming the most popular frman on campus. Concerning yourself with nothing more than social perfection, you'd just as soon sell your soul than make it through the month without a few busloads of friends.

You utilize every tool in your arsenal to gain social recognition. Your wardrobe invariably consists of showing approximately three cubic feet of flesh in order to catch the eyes of senior guys. If for no other reason, this is done so that you might be desired by a sizeable chunk of the student body. So as to not isolate the females in your social spectrum, you succeed at becoming "best friends forever" with no less than twenty girls. So what if you can't remember all of their names, as long as they remember yours, who cares?

One might say that the Dorchester Room in the Commons represents your first foray into college theater, as you garner attention by speaking loudly and excit-

edly over the minutest aspect of your day. People of all creeds and races bow down to your showmanship as you stand at the end of the table and gesticulate with orchestral perfection in order to describe your ideal manicure.

Perhaps you notice a lull in attention being paid; you effectively combat this unwanted incident by contemplating the flaws of the closest person to you and diplomatically commencing to coddle and flatter this unfortunate soul. If this person happens to be a she, you will begin to compliment her hairstyle and conclude by inviting her to an all-night slumber party chat fest in your dorm room. On the other hand, if your detrimental thoughts are aimed at a guy, you quickly jump on the flirt train and offer him precious minutes of your time.

As a popularity seeker, it is imbedded in your genetics to be the center of attention at each and every possible circumstance. Word around school says that no party is a party without your flamboyant pixie presence. You always have the best stories to tell, as you stand upon coffee tables and relate your life experiences. The beloved party tradition of the keg stand is your forte in the eyes of any hormonal

college student. You succeed at this by making sure to wear a mini-skirt and letting gravity do the rest of the work as you hoist yourself upside down.

Even in the classroom, you succeed at harvesting the interest of others, as it is yet one more place to make your mark on the map of social standing. You stake your claim in a seat in the middle of the room, surrounded on all sides by

other students. Making clever comments about whatever topic is being discussed or passing notes pertaining to the party the previous night – you are the eternal center of this 30-chair universe. Whenever you attract the disgruntled eyes of the professor, you capitalize on this opportunity to prove yourself. You would begin a monologue, Shakespearian in scope, of how you were just discussing the

caveats of the professor's recent published materials. Too easy.

Some may call you disingenuous, while others maintain your true self is unrecognizable, but we see you as the ultimate winner. So tease a bottle of Smirnoff Raspberry Twist, Ms. First-Year Social Perfectionist, because you've got the social know-how to penetrate every social circle.

Illustration by John Heath



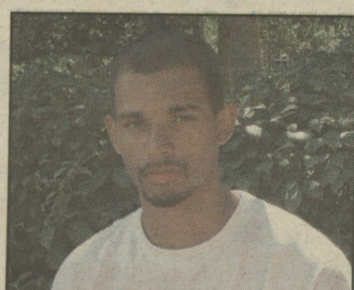
Overheard: What is the worst thing that's happened since you moved in?

By: Abby Smith-

Staff Writer



I slipped and fell in my dorm room. —Adrienne Scott, freshman



Our air-conditioner caused flooding and we had to rip up carpet. —Dominic Lewis, junior



My boyfriend is all the way across campus and I'm lazy and don't feel like walking all the time. —Erin Fisher, sophomore



I couldn't get the bathroom door open when I had to throw up. —Jason Dienhart, sophomore



Someone took a crap in our shower. —Lauren Trynes & Katie Hogg, freshman



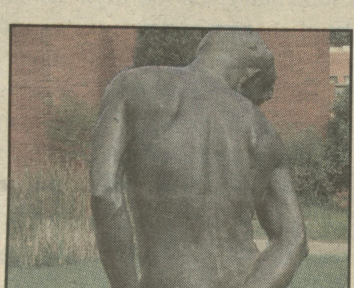
I looked at the cost for my textbooks. —Michael Hawkins, freshman



Nothing. —Mike Deyo, senior



My front and back lawns are jungles. —Tara DiGiovanni, senior



I've got this apple in my hands and I can't eat it! —Naked Man



I do not enjoy having class at 9 a.m. —Steve Debernardir, freshman

Photos by Contessa Crisostomo

New student organization spurs political activism on campus

By: Laura D'Alessandro

Layout Editor

The Salisbury University Kerry Coalition came together for the first time Thursday in the Fireside Lounge of Guerrierri University Center. The group is led by President of College Democrats Owen Jarvis and President of the United

Greens Trisha Benton and is open to all students.

Jarvis said he wanted to work with Benton's group and the College Republicans but this did not pan out due to a lapse of leadership in the Republican group. Jarvis said he was surprised to hear Benton was for Kerry but is glad they can now combine their efforts.



"We started getting ideas together and put a name on it and it's the

Kerry Coalition," Jarvis said. "It basically took five organizations and made them one cohesive unit with one goal for the next two months."

Jarvis said the coalition also consolidates resources, members and funding.

"If we're going to have any impact on this area we might as well consolidate the left," he said.

The coalition is planning activities in the community with hopes they will make an impact. One step the group plans to take to increase Democratic voter turnout is canvassing with the local Democratic Party to make sure democrats in the area are coming out to vote.

Phil Tilghman, president of the Democratic Central Committee

said the committee is delighted to see a group of college students who

Square. "Primarily, we want to engage



are interested and active in politics.

The coalition also has events planned on campus such as Democratic Speech Radio guest, Presidential Forum and a rally in Red

people, their minds, by having them listen to what we have to say," Jarvis said. "It's reciprocal, we want to listen to what they have to

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A few words from the editor: Musings of an Undergrad Dad

By: John Heath

Features Editor

With the summer come and gone and schoolwork stress looming ahead, I enter my last year as a first-time non-traditional student with more responsibilities than I had previously expected. Like other seniors, I've started knocking down doors in search of post-grad employment, but the comparison likely stops there. Unlike most seniors my age, I have a slightly different challenge beginning my final year: Fatherhood.

Last year was not without difficulties. Through the nine months of pregnancy, my fiancée Carrie and I expelled the occasional emotional outburst, but nevertheless navigated our way through school and maintained our respective sani-

ties. The expected due date fell on the day after graduation. I crossed my fingers and Carrie crossed her legs in hope that the baby would wait long enough for Carrie to make it across the stage. Wishful thinking.

Three days before graduation, the contractions increased regularly. Naïve and confused, we waited them out, keeping track and calling doctors occasionally. Even though no water was broken, her contractions increased to such an extent that we gave in and went to PRMC.

After many hours of labor and thankful help from the anesthesiologist's epidural, our baby Riley Ann was born in the early morning of graduation day. To say watching our daughter be-

ing born was amazing would be an understatement. Even though she looked not quite human and smelled like a rubber ball, she was the most beautiful work of art I had ever seen. One might say she resembled a greasy pig version of Michelangelo's angelic cherubim.

Needless to say, bedridden Carrie and baby did not walk across the stage.

The first three months of her life have brought her both astonishing physical and mental growth. Each day has been a new learning experience for Carrie, Riley and I. And now, my fiancée and the baby will live with her parents in Columbia while I finish up school. I'm not excited about being away from them, but I do need to finish school, and we wouldn't be able to afford

it otherwise. It will be a trying time but will work out in the end.

Becoming a father at twenty-two was certainly not something I had in mind when I first came to SU. It's been a bumpy ride, but what learning experience isn't? Some of the best roller coasters are the ones which make you think you might not make it to the end. I'm sure any parent (or any human for that matter) would admit to having self-doubt at one point or another. Seeing the smile of a tiny human baby erases all of these uncertainties, or at least calms one's nerves.

When I first found out we were going to have a baby, I had misgivings and fears. I thought my life was over and I would never have fun again. Fortunately, I found this to be false. My life has certainly

changed, but for the better. Make no mistake, fun comes in different packages these days, but it's still there among stress and anxiety about the future.

This editorial is not meant to be a treatise encouraging college students to go out and procreate. Nor do I mean to discourage students from engaging in sexual relations. As the saying goes, life happens when you least expect it. It did for my fiancée and I, and can happen to anyone. Make of it what you will.

Welcome week attack and freshman frenzy

By: Abby Smith

Staff Writer

The start of another semester means another freshman class on campus. It can be easy for upper-classmen to forget the anxiety and uncertainty they felt as freshmen. However, members of the class of 2008 seem to be optimistic and eager to immerse themselves in college life at SU.

"College is so much different than home, but I absolutely love it," one student said.

The most exciting difference between high school and college seems to be the newfound freedom. "I like the dorm because my mom isn't here to tell me what to do," said Kate Logan.

Chantalle Crisostomo echoed Logan's thoughts, saying that she appreciates the fact that there is no parental figure to "tell her what to do".

An out-of-state student who wished to remain anonymous said she felt apprehension because she had such a strong bond with her friends and family and thought she might feel homesick and lonely. However, she has been finding the

transition from home to college to be much easier than she expected. She enjoys being able to come and go as she pleases and having the freedom to make her own schedule and work at her own pace.

The ability to decide their class schedules also appeals to students. "I like not having to get up and go to class at eight o'clock like in high school," said another student who wished to remain anonymous. "Study halls were a huge waste of time and here, if I have a free period, I can go back to the dorm and take a nap."

Still, there are new students who are partial to early classes and enjoy those 8 a.m. sessions. "I like having early classes and getting them done and having the rest of the day to do nothing," said another student.

Classes have been in session for a week, and this year's freshman class does not seem to be overly intimidated by college-level courses. Crisostomo said that high school adequately prepared her for her current class load. "[My] classes now are above the high school level, but not overwhelm-

ingly grueling," she said.

However, students are aware that the difficulty of the courses will increase as the semester goes on. Since most freshmen live in on-campus residence halls, establishing social connections and networks is relatively simple. One student played pool at the Gull's Nest to meet her peers and make friends, while other students have found that randomly greeting strangers is a sure way to make friends.

Most freshmen have been taking advantage of the array of Welcome Week activities, participating in events such as Karaoke Night, Comedy Night and attending a performance by Mentalist Alain Nu. By providing many different opportunities for social interaction, the University has gone to great lengths to ensure that this year's freshman class feels a sense of interconnection. Good luck to the class of '08 and all the students returning to SU.

Kerry continued from page 9 say and have a campus-wide forum."

Jarvis hopes this forum will be open to all students, not just Kerry supporters but intends for the coalition to be a form of representation for Kerry supporters.

"Our biggest goal is to get Kerry elected and affect as much change as we can on campus," he said.

Through rallies, posters, signs, events and canvassing, Jarvis hopes the group will get Kerry supporters to come out and vote for their candidate.

"This is the most important election of our generation and we need to get our voices heard," he said. "In conjunction with people like us across the county we hope to get our goals accomplished."

The youth of the United States is an interest group that has gone unnoticed, said Jarvis. American Demographic Magazine said when 18 year-olds were first permitted vote, 50 percent of the age bracket from 18 to 24 voted. Since then the numbers have dramatically declined, being 32 percent in the last election. Jarvis said youth interest will

be ignored if the youth continue to exhibit such voter apathy.

"Apathy is a curse in that respect because politicians have absolutely no need to pay attention to the youth if they aren't going to vote," Jarvis said. "Ralf Nader put it best when he said 'If you do not turn onto politics, politics will turn on you.'"

Jarvis hopes that the Kerry Coalition can inspire college students to get involved and help stop the loss of representation among this age bracket. Tilghman said the volume of eligible voters who do not exercise their right is much higher than the general public realizes and thinks the Kerry Coalition's efforts are a step in the right direction.

Comedy Central Star Brings Laughs to Welcome Week

By: Laura D'Alessandro

Layout Editor

Roaring laughter was heard from the Wicomico Room last Wednesday night as students gathered for a stand-up comedy show by Bill Burr. Burr is a regular on "The Chappelle Show" on Comedy Central and has established himself in the business over the past 10 years.

"He's very eclectic, he appeals to all audiences," said Burr's manager Jason Steinberg of Steinberg Talent in New York City. Steinberg said as soon as Burr arrived in New York he had his own show. Burr's first show was called "Townies" and it appeared on Comedy Central. Burr now performs more than 300 shows a year and has a few big appearances planned for the next year. Steinberg said it's a good thing SU got him before his career takes off.

"Now you've had him and when he gets really big you can still ask him to return," Steinberg said.

A Welcome Week meeting last spring led to the request for Burr

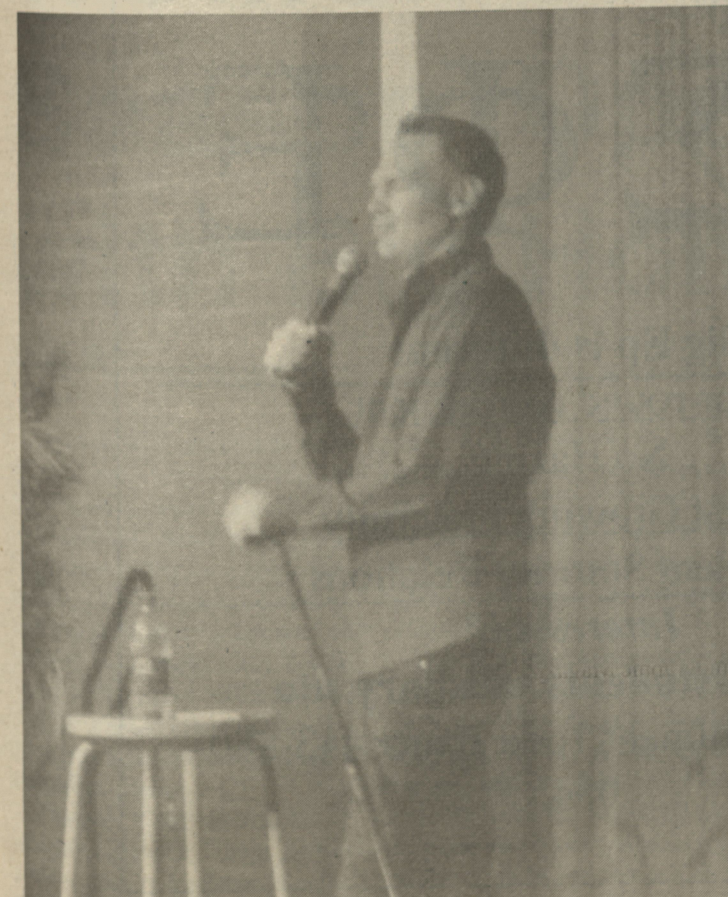
to appear. Kevin Bauer, organizer of the comedy event, said he expected a small crowd, but was glad to see the turnout.

Students lined up outside the Wicomico room before the show started, ready to fill their seats, and Bauer lamented that he had to turn some students away because the venue was too full.

"I think students enjoyed him," Bauer said. "I am very proud the night went well. Students got a chance to win Shorebirds tickets, gift certificates to the bookstore and see someone pretty famous from television." Bauer added that he hopes that SU will book Burr again and have a bigger venue to allow for a larger crowd.

It's not every day a nationally known act comes to Salisbury. Students said that was one of the main reasons they came out to the show.

"I've seen him on Comedy Central and wanted to come check it out," said philosophy major Ben Rayne as he waited in line for the show.



Tiff's Top Five

By: Tiffany Chestnut

A&E Editor
I have dubbed this column in honor of one of my favorite movies (*High Fidelity*), and with it, I intend to focus mainly on the music world. That said, here are my top five events from late spring to the fall:

1. Comebacks/reunions—The Pixies, The Cure, and Morrissey. None of these have been seen for a few years. The Cure, at the point of breaking up, instead released a self-titled album and kicked off this summer's highly popular Curiosa Festival. Morrissey, whose last album was a re-release of *Viva Hate* (with bonus tracks), has now issued *You are the Quarry*. Featured on this newest effort is "First of the Gang to Die", which sounds like the old Morrissey we love—his own kind of up-tempo moodiness à la *Vauxhall and I*. The Pixies, whose reunion tour has not made many waves, released a greatest hits album *Wave of Mutilation* which features the classic "Monkey Gone to Heaven", as well as *Bam Thwok*, their newest endeavor.

2. New artists—Joss Stone. Her album *The Soul Sessions*, which came out last year, is still gaining acclamation. *Sessions* is packed with the fully matured sounds of a hardcore soul singer...who happens to be 16 years old. Her initial release from the album, "Fell in Love with a Boy", is a stellar rendition of The White Stripes song "Fell in Love with a Girl". Her musical style and voice make her a marked contrast between she and the 20-something

pop tartlets Britney and Jessica.

3. New songs—Deserving mention for the top five songs stuck in my head all summer are: Modest Mouse's "Float On", Franz Ferdinand's "Take Me Out", Jet's late spring release "Are You Gonna Be My Girl" from *Get Born*, Citizen Cope's "Bullet and a Target", and Velvet Revolver's "Fall to Pieces". Citizen Cope, a more local artist, will be playing venues in Baltimore, D.C., and Pennsylvania through September. (See his site: www.citizencope.com for more details.)

4. New tours—The Pixies' tour will be bringing them to Camden, N.J., D.C., and Norfolk, Va. in the next few months. For those who were upset by the Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson tour getting rained out in Salisbury, the singing, songwriting legends will return to the area in the spring to play Atlantic City and Wilmington. In addition, Ryan Adam will be at the Beacon Theater (New York) in late September.

5. And other news—U2 (greatest rock band of all time), is due to release an album on November 23 and start touring in the spring. Green Day will also be putting out their latest, *American Idiot*, in a few more weeks. Even more importantly, they will be playing in Philadelphia in October. Finally, my latest interest is in the collaborative effort *Songs for Sudan*. Featuring the likes of REM, Badly Drawn Boy, Primal Scream and Jet, it is now available only for download in the UK. I can only hope that it will soon available in the U.S.

SOAP Movies in September

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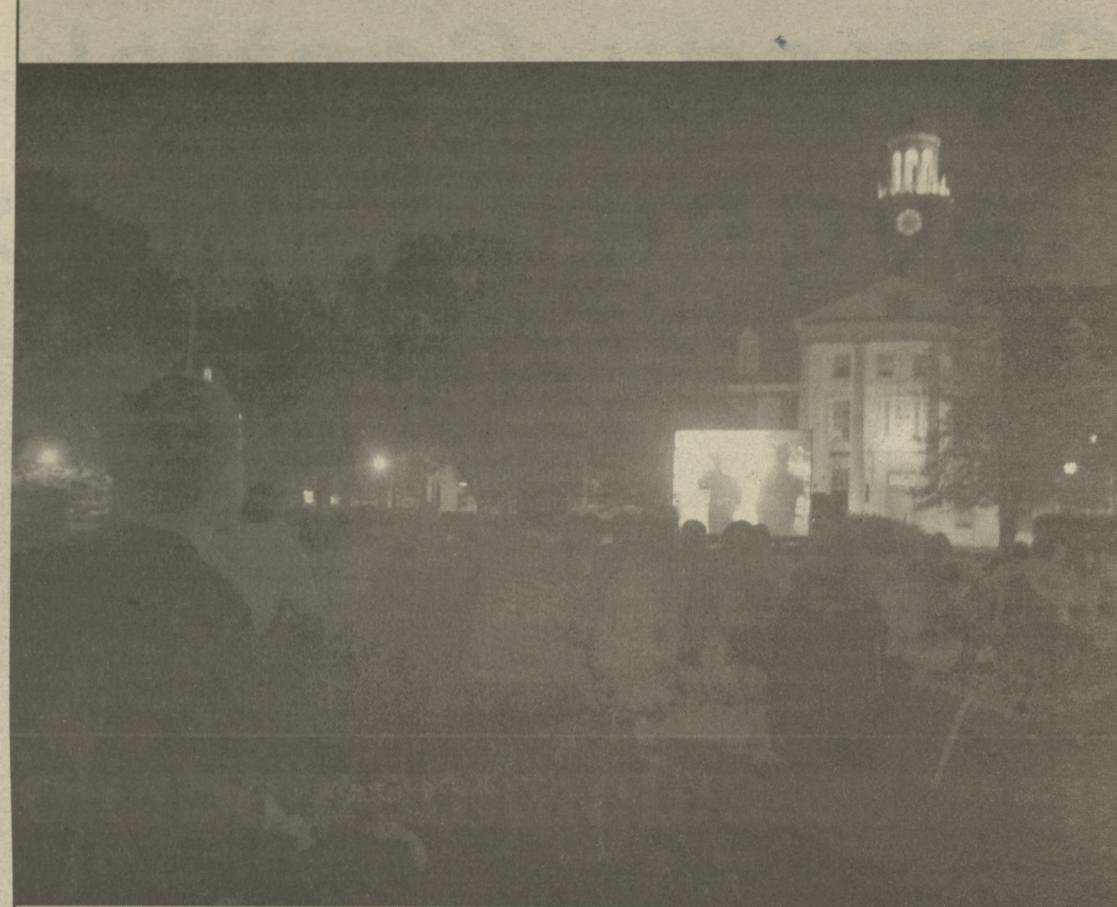
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Ocean's Eleven brings a crowd to Holloway



Students gathered outside Holloway to watch a showing of *Ocean's Eleven* last week as part of Welcome Week to usher new students together. Photo by Constance Mensh.

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2004 NCAA Preview

By: Jeff Mizia

Staff Writer

The good news is that another college football season is once again finally here. The bad news, however, is that the BCS system is still here and it looks like we will never get a play-off system for one of the best college sports.

It's no surprise that USC is the favorite this year to repeat at least their share of the national title. With returning quarterback Matt Leinart, tons of talent and a favorable schedule the Trojans will most likely be vying for the national title once again. Look for both LSU and Oklahoma to compete with USC as Oklahoma returns Heisman Trophy winner Jason White. After these three teams it's somewhat of a drop-off in terms of athleticism, but schools like Miami and Michigan have the type of teams that have shots to finish undefeated. Michigan is in a not so strong Big Ten while Miami is in a greatly im-

proved ACC. If Michigan can hold off Ohio State, look for them to have a shot at smelling roses. Miami's road is going to be much tougher as they enter the ACC. Tough games for them include Florida State, Clemson and an always difficult Virginia Tech.

Rounding out the top ten are Georgia, Florida State, Texas, Ohio State and Florida. Georgia is always up there for a while, but can they really match up on both sides of the ball against LSU? Look for Florida to falter, as they have never seemed to be the same since Spurrier left. Also, how long can Ohio State win ugly? Texas will be strong with running back Cedric Benson, but how much will the loss of Roy Williams to the NFL hurt the Longhorns in the very tough Big 12?

There are many so-called surprise teams that could really sneak up into the big picture. Kansas State finished strong last year and with

returning running back Darren Sproles they will be a force in the Big 12. One of their biggest hurdles will be my pick to win the Big 12, Missouri. The Tigers return 13 starters and with a versatile quarterback in Brad Smith, who can throw exceptionally well and is also able to keep defenses on their toes with his scrambling abilities. Auburn might not finish on top in the SEC, but they will definitely compete with running back Carnell "Cadillac" Williams at the helm. Auburn always seems to compete in the vaunted SEC and with an easy schedule they might be top 10 material.

Among the strong in the ACC are Maryland and Clemson who are both very dangerous teams for favorites Florida State and Miami. Maryland has one of the nation's best defenses, which is led by Linebacker D'Qwell Jackson. The Terps defensive unit held opponents last year to an average of

fewer than 16 points per game. With a young offense and dangerous special teams, Maryland will be one of those teams looking to sneak into the national top 10. Clemson returns a total of 14 starters and has an excellent quarterback in Charlie Whitehurst.

West Virginia has been given lots of hype in the press, however they have a tough home game against a Maryland team that has crushed them the past couple meetings. The Mountaineers will need to earn their BCS berth through the Big East, which might not be too difficult of a task to complete. Nebraska will be greatly improved with 14 returning starters and a very knowledgeable head coach in Bill Callahan. How much of the option will he use in the much-improved Big 12, though? Two other teams to look for are Utah and Virginia Tech. The Hokies looked very good for most of their game against USC, which will greatly help them

in their new conference schedule. Utah is the non-major conference team that has a chance to sneak into the BCS if they can run the table in the Mountain West with quarterback Alex Smith at the helm.

Heisman hopefuls for this year include quarterbacks Leinart of USC, Smith of Missouri, and last year's winner White of Oklahoma. Running Backs Justin Vincent of LSU, Sproles of Kansas State, and Williams of Auburn will also be in the hunt. Oklahoma wideout Mark Clayton, Miami's senior quarterback Brock Berlin, and Hawaii's Timmy Chang all have outside chances as well.

My personal prediction is USC to defeat Miami in the championship game with a huge surprise of Missouri finishing third in the nation with a Heisman season from Smith. For all of the college football teams we can only hope for what the Heisman gives us: one champion, and not two.

Women's Soccer Season Opens up with Big Home Win

By: Jeff Mizia

Staff Writer

Just about everything seemed to go Salisbury's way Wednesday as the women's soccer team shut out Villa Julie 2-0. Starting the promising season with a win is what the coaching staff wanted and with an opening game shutout they must be pleased with their Lady Gulls. There aren't many better ways to start off a season than to allow no goals on defense and to score a couple on offense.

Salisbury's defense was led by outstanding play from junior Ashley Martin, freshman Meghan Tadio and senior Candice Hills. They did an impressive job in lim-

iting the Villa Julie offense to only three shots on goal. Some of the outstanding defense came from goalie Kate Hendrickson as she recorded three very nice saves on the Villa Julie offense. The defense was able to keep the ball on the opposite side of the field for most of the game, keeping the Villa Julie offense out of sync.

The Gulls outstanding defense allowed for the offense to contribute many shots on goal. Jessica Reed and Heather Pallett scored one goal each for Salisbury while senior Dana Verdi contributed with the game's lone assist. Reed's goal was extremely impressive as it soared from a long distance over the hands of Villa Julie's goalie for

the season's first unassisted goal. Salisbury out shot their opponents 15-3 and hope to get the ball in the net a few more times later this Wednesday when they take on Richard Stockton in New Jersey.

By: Jamie Estep

Staff Writer

Men's soccer kicked off their season Wednesday with a 2-0 victory over visiting Lynchburg College. Five minutes into the game junior Tim Lane scored a sliding goal from a cross by junior Chris Tracey. In the second half Salisbury added some insurance when Christopher Mills scored off a Bill Whittington assist.

These two goals were all Salisbury needed because of their stifling defense, which allowed only three shots all game and did not allow one on goalie Jason Cranford until 25 minutes into the game. The stingy defense was reinforced by a team effort to be more physical than Lynchburg. Salisbury

recorded two yellow cards and 18 total team fouls. Physical play is Salisbury's trademark, using unrelenting pressure both on offense and defense.

This was the Sea Gulls first game on the road back to the playoffs. Salisbury's next home game is against Eastern on September 15. Come out and show your support.

More than one road to glory

TO QUOTE DEION: "I'M BACK."

By: Matt Peterson

Staff Writer

The United States Olympic Team once again proved its excellence to the world by dominating the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece this past month. The American athletes were awarded 35 gold medals, 39 silver and 29 bronze in route to accumulating a 2004 Olympic best 103 total medals. Russia had the second highest medal count with a total of 92.

America's 35 gold and 39 silver medals were also Olympic highs this year and the 29 bronze medals were second most at the Olympics. The U.S. team showcased its ability to excel at a diverse range of sports.

The American Olympians also proved that a gold medal could be won in more than one way. Paul Hamm, a member of the men's gymnastics team, and the U.S. softball team both brought home the gold in very distinctive ways. Hamm won the men's overall gymnastics gold by one of the slimmest margins of victory in Olympic memory, while the softball team dominated its competition in route to their third consecutive gold medal.

Hamm, a Wisconsin native, came from behind after a botched landing in the vault to win the gold by .012 points over South Korea's Kim Dae-eun. "It was considered one of the best come from behind victories in Olympic History. However, only a few days after the competition the Korean's submitted a complaint stating that the judges had made a mistake on the scoring of Korea's Tae Yang's Aug. 21 parallel bars routine. The Koreans argued that the points Yang did not receive would have put him ahead of Hamm for the overall gold medal.

There has not been a definite ruling on whether or not the gold will be taken from Hamm. Instead it has been requested that Hamm voluntarily give the medal back. Bob Colarossi, President/CEO of USA gymnastics does not look favorably upon this request. "We strongly endorse the position of the USOC

that the FIG's request that Paul voluntarily surrender his gold medal is 'a blatant and inappropriate attempt on the part of FIG to once again shift responsibility for its own mistakes and instead pressure Mr. Hamm into resolving what has become an embarrassing situation for the Federation,'" he said Aug. 27.

Hamm has said that he will accommodate any official ruling regarding the medal, but he does not feel it is his responsibility to give away the medal on his own accord.

As much as Hamm's claim to the medal was controversial and contested, the U.S. softball team's gold was undeniable. U.S. softball, looking to obtain their third consecutive gold medal, dominated their opponents as they comfortably won the championship game 5-1 against Australia. Led by Crystl Bustos' five homeruns and Lisa Fernandez's four wins and .545 batting average, the U.S. squad completely dominated the tournament.

In the round robin portion of the tournament the U.S. pitchers held the opposing batters to a dismal .080 batting average. The team also set 18 Olympic records, including most runs scored, fewest runs allowed, most shutouts, most consecutive victories, highest batting average, most hits, lowest era and most wins. Both Fernandez's .545 average and Bustos' five homeruns were Olympic records.

This type of domination has been unparalleled in Olympic softball history. "This team is the best I have ever been associated with," Coach Mike Candrea said. "They are a 'special' group that will go down in history as the most dominant team to ever take the field."

The softball gold medal as well as Hamm's illustrate the American Olympic Team's ability to succeed in any circumstance. "The softball team dominated when anything less would have been a failure and Hamm succeeded when the odds were stacked against him and failure was expected. These athletes exemplified the American spirit in very different ways."

By: Kevin Froehlich

Sports Editor

After last school year ended I wondered what my first article of the upcoming semester would cover. God then whispered into my ear and told me to tune into Fox Sports Net and the 2004 World Darts Championship. Actually, it was my brother, and he happened to be flipping through the channels when I noticed the anomaly. Nonetheless, I took it as a sign.

Darts? On TV? Really? Really? Are people really interested in watching a bar game? No way.

Well, I was so wrong I made Kent Dorfman look like Stephen Hawking.

My friends, there were groupies for the two finalists known simply

as The Artist and Power. These European spectators (and they were European, had to be; no sane American would hold a sign that read "Go Artist") were living and dying with each throw. Then, as if to seal my fate, one announcer proclaimed during a tense moment, "Who needs food? Who needs beer? Darts themselves are pure nectar." Power won, painting the board better than The Artist, and his celebratory song, the early 90s dance hit, "I've Got the Power," boomed throughout the building. From then on I knew my article would be about the funniest and most random moments in sports from this past summer. Here are more:

Coney Island Hot Dog Eating

Seagull Sports Beat

FOOTBALL

Salisbury won its season opener Saturday over Catholic 31-14 in Washington, D.C. The offense was led by junior fullback Leroy Satchell. Satchell rushed for 104 yards and scored two touchdowns and also received one pass for 37 yards. Special teams was key as well, blocking two punts along with Byron Westbrook's 68-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Quarterback Dustin Johnson was 7-14 for 92 yards. John Hunt added a three-yard touchdown run also. Mark Higgins led the Gulls with three receptions for 24 yards. Francis Bryant, Lesley Williams and Mike Williams each had one reception.

Salisbury plays its first home game next Saturday, September 11 at 1 p.m. against SUNY Brockport.

FIELD HOCKEY

The defending national champion Field Hockey team started the season on the road with a 5-0 victory on Saturday over St. Mary's. Brittany Elliot and Tracey Lloyd paved the way for the offense, each

tallying a goal and assist. Megan Powell, Melissa Webster and Lynette Sgrignoli each scored one goal as well while Erin Budd added an assist. The defense allowed only one shot on goal the entire game. They play their first home game this Wednesday, September 8 at 4:30 against Christopher Newport.

SOCCER

The men's soccer team defeated Hood on Saturday 7-0 to improve their record to 2-0. Bill Whittington, Wjy Jones and J.J. King scored two goals apiece with Reid Klopp adding one as well. David Pusinsky and Dan Lader both had two assists. The Hood offense mustered only one shot in the game.

The women's soccer team suffered their first defeat of the season in a 4-0 loss to No. 21 Messiah. The former national champions Messiah allowed only one shot on goal. The Lady Gulls next game is Wednesday at Richard Stockton. Their next home game is September 25 against St. Mary's.

Contest. For those of you who are amused by the simplest pleasures like I am, we all witnessed Kobayashi demolish the competition. However, many may not have caught one announcer's quote about the young Japanese sensation: "He's chugging down those hot dogs like a freshman at a keg party." It's bad enough ESPN actually covered this, but do they need paid announcers as well?

Ken Jennings, aka The Jeopardy Guy. He's treating the competition like Slash treats whiskey: as if it's water. He has over \$1 million and knows everything about everything. I bet he even knows the capital of New Caledonia (which is Noumea, and I had to look at a map). Ridiculous.

2004 Spelling Bee. "Alopecoid" was given to Akshay Buddiga. Upon definition of the word Buddiga fainted. Before help could get to him he recovered and spelled the word like nothing happened. From that point on he was given a chair to sit in for every round. A chair! Is spelling that taxing? How about a glass of water? Buddiga lost in the final to the word "autochthonous." Maybe that's why I'm not an English major, because like Ralph Wiggum said, to me, TH following CH is "impossible."

And the three winners of the summer. First, the Tampa Bay Lightning. Mr. Jarome Iginla, why did you touch the Campbell Bowl? You know it's like Anna Nicole Smith; you shouldn't touch it even with a 30-foot pole. Seriously, there were about as many people who wanted the Lightning to win that know there are seven *Police Academy's*. Seven? Exactly.

Second, the Detroit Pistons. There's one reason they won. It wasn't their surprising offense, their stifling defense, Finals MVP Chauncey Billups, or lack of a Laker supporting cast. Simply put, the Pistons won because God hates Karl Malone.

Third and finally, Jayson Williams. Jury, you're telling me his eyes said he was innocent? Maybe of murder (which he wasn't

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Student Athlete Spotlight: Remembering Brandon Mason

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This summer was one of tragedy for the Salisbury community. Senior Brandon Mason died this summer in a car accident that took place in his hometown of Boyertown, Pa. Brandon, known by his friends as Mason, was a two-year starter at shortstop for the Salisbury baseball team after transferring from Pace University.

If you ever watched him on the field you knew there was something special about him because of the unbelievable plays he made. Off the field Mason aspired to be a Physical Education teacher with the hope of becoming a coach after his playing days.

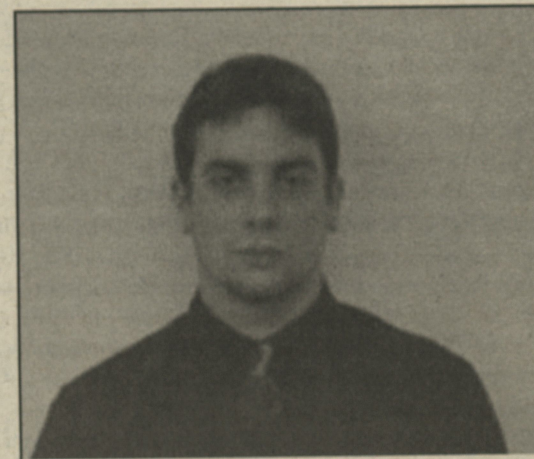
There was more to Brandon Mason, though, than just his schooling and his play on the diamond. He was the type of person you wanted to have as a friend because he was up for anything and would always have your back. But for those on the baseball team and his close friends, he was more than a friend, he was a brother.

"He was one the best shortstops I ever saw, but more importantly one of the best guys I ever knew," said Sea Gull outfielder Andrew Jensen. Many share Jensen's thoughts. Anyone who knew Mason would feel the same way.

This past year I had the privilege of playing beside Mason on the baseball team, and I'm speaking for a lot of people when I say "Mase,

your memory will never be forgotten and you will always be one of my brothers looking over me from above." Taken away before his time from the people who loved him,

Brandon Mason died too early at the age of 21. Rest in peace, Mase, rest in peace.



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SU SPORTS

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SU cross country starts strong

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The SU cross-country teams hosted the Seagull Opener at Winterplace Park on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Great efforts were seen among the ranks of the men and women, and they set great marks for their first meet of the season. The men's team had a solid eight-kilometer (approximately five mile) race, placing fourth out of seven teams with 79 points. Their competition included Waynesburg College (seventh with 245 points), Howard Community College (sixth with 177 points), Messiah College (fifth with 100 points), Christopher Newport University (third with 73 points), Loyola College (second with 57 points) and Slippery Rock University won with 44 points.

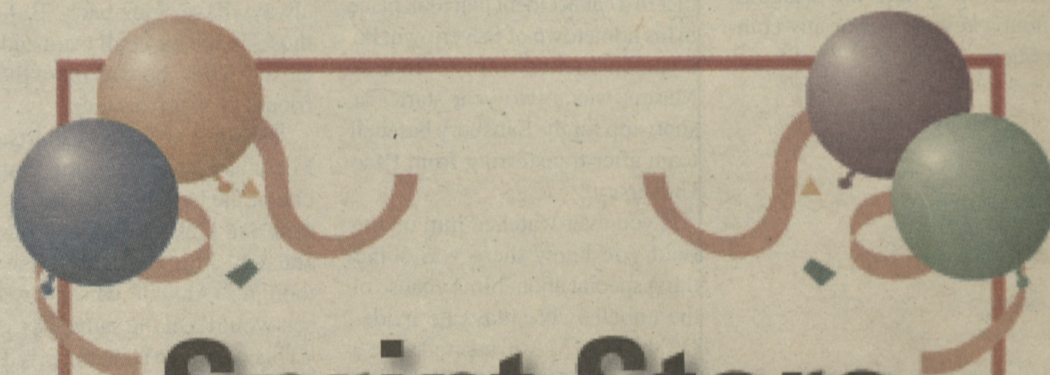
The individuals on the men's team who had outstanding performances were junior Scott Koehler (14th with 27:11), junior Will Murdoch (15th with 27:11), senior Will Detwiler (16th with 27:12), sophomore Matt Vetter (20th with 27:26), junior Enos Benbow (24th with 27:43), sophomore Greg Cooke (27th with 27:57) and freshman Eric Graves 29th with 27:57. "For my first race, I feel pretty good about the results," said Graves. "I didn't expect to finish up there with the best runners because our team is so strong this year. As for the college life, I love being on my own and being able to learn from my own decisions. I can't wait for the next race to see how much we can improve." Graves, along with the other freshmen, has proven an integral part of the team's success so far and no doubt will continue to do so for the duration of the season.

The women had a terrific meet and finished fourth out of seven teams as well with 82 points. They competed against New York University (seventh with 168 points), Waynesburg College (sixth with 144 points), Messiah College (fifth with 128 points), Loyola College (third with 82 points), Christopher

Newport University (second with 65 points) and Slippery Rock University won the women's race with 40 points. In addition, great performances on the women's side included freshman Laura Ulman (ninth with 23:36), junior Lauren Bragg (12th with 23:51), freshman Casey McInerney (14th with 24:04), junior Amy Lang (24th with 24:33), sophomore Ruth Hedrick (31st with 24:53) and freshman Zuska O'Zwoldikes (32nd with 24:54). Ulmer won an award for placing in the top ten.

Although there was some rough competition during both races and equally harsh humidity, it did not stop the Seagulls from giving it their best and having a great start toward fulfilling their aspirations at the Capital Athletic Conference Championships in November.

"I'm pleased with how both teams did today," said head coach Jim Jones. "Both teams exceeded my expectations against this tough competition. I'm happy that our top five or six men did well and all of our women just had some great races. My freshmen and transfer students had a fine start to their collegiate careers." The teams ran really well against strong competition and it will no doubt help the Seagulls improve in their performance and work ethic. Look for the Seagulls this Saturday at Oregon Ridge Park at the Towson University Invitational, where they will hopefully grow stronger as a mighty flock.



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